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Teller County Moved to COVID-19 Dial Level Orange-High Risk

Despite the efforts of the Teller County Board of Health, Board of County Commissioners, and the citizens of Teller County to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in Teller County, yesterday the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) moved Teller County to Level Orange – High Risk on the COVID-19 Dial. This level adds additional restrictions and was undertaken by CDPHE prior to allowing the previous restrictions under Level Yellow to have an impact on the metrics used to determine levels on the COVID Dial.

As of today the incidence rates in Teller County are:

Two-week cumulative incidence rate: 493/100,000 people

Percent positivity: 11.6%

Two-week COVID-19 case count (new cases): 125

Effective **Monday, November 16, 2020 at 5:00PM**, additional state restrictions that will go into place include, but are not limited to:

- Personal gatherings are restricted to no more than 10 people from no more than two (2) households.
- Restaurants may operate at 25% (down from 50%) of posted occupancy indoors, not to exceed 50 people, excluding staff.
- Houses of worship and indoor events may operate at 25% (down from 50%) of posted occupancy indoors, not to exceed 50 people, per room.
- Outdoor events may operate at 25% (down from 50%) of posted occupancy not to exceed 75 (down from 175) people, whichever is less.
- Other commercial businesses, including gyms and fitness centers, may operate at 25% of posted occupancy indoors, unless they are otherwise designated as essential.
- Casinos are CLOSED (unless a possible exception is granted based on county request).

CDPHE will continue to monitor incidence rates for 1-2 weeks and will meet with County Health Officials to reevaluate at that time. Failure to improve incidence rates over this time period may lead to further CDPHE restrictions.

Teller County continues to encourage all residents and businesses to help fight the spread of COVID-19 in our community by staying home when possible, wearing a mask when within six feet of others and in public, following social distancing guidelines, and washing your hands regularly. It will take everyone, working together, to keep Teller County open for business.

Additional information on specific sector guidance under COVID-19 Dial Level Orange can be found in Public Health Order (PHO) 20-36 which is located at <https://covid19.colorado.gov/prepare-protect-yourself/prevent-the-spread/public-health-executive-orders>.